

sheriff of Colleton county. He married Harriet Mary Walter, January 25, 1816; died suddenly in Charleston, S. C., December 10, 1845. His obituary speaks of him as "a consistent and growing Christian." He was a communicant and elder of the Presbyterian church in Walterboro.

The first we know of the Walters they were settled near Dorchester, S. C. Mr. A. S. Salley, secretary of the South Carolina Historical Society, informs me that "there was a Walter Barony." The given name of the first Walter is not positively known; but McCrady's History of South Carolina (vol. ii), gives Mr. Richard Walter as a member of the Provincial Congress held in Charleston, January, 1775, from Dorchester; and this exactly fits in as to time, place and other circumstances, to indicate my great-great-grandfather. So I feel sure that Richard was the name, and that it was he who sat in the congress of 1775. The name of Walter occurs in a list of settlers here from Barbadoes (McCrady, vol. i). I know nothing of the original home of the family beyond that.

Mr. Richard Walter married Miss Mary Rumph, from Switzerland. She lived to a great age, far into the nineteenth century. The following is her obituary: "Died at her plantation near Dorchester, on Friday, the 15th instant, Mrs. Mary Walter, at the advanced age of ninety-five years. Her virtues are deeply engraved on the hearts of all who knew her, and long will she be lamented as a tender and affectionate mother, a disinterested friend, and a sincere Christian." Her portrait, in oil, is with our family in Walterboro. It shows her beautiful even in old age. On a recent visit to Charleston, I was shown a valued memento of this venerable lady, a silk case made and worked with her own hands, and accompanied with a little note, dated in 1794, in her elegant handwriting. The case was made to contain the military commission of her son, Major Paul Walter.

There was a number of children of this couple: Paul, Jacob, Alfred and Isaac, sons; and three daughters, Mes-